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MEMORANDUM

TO: H - Mr. Abshire
FROM: PM - Joseph J. Wolf
SUBJECT: Symington Subcommittee -
Further Contact with Lowenstein

I called Lowenstein February 9th to see whether he would lunch with me this week. He said that he would rather wait until they had finished their report, and then could talk about the matter.

I said I would be glad to discuss with him the issue of access to certain information that was denied him in the field, but again he said he would rather wait to see how the Committee members reacted to their report. He was not seeking to make an issue of the denial of access but was simply reporting it factually, he said.

I took advantage of this opening to recall that, with respect to access to military contingency plans, Senator Symington had, throughout the Symington Subcommittee proceedings, restrained himself from asking to see military contingency plans. Lowenstein agreed that this had been the case and said this was why he had to see the reaction of his principals before we could talk further.

He then said that there was one point he would like to have clarified for the record. In his last meeting with Ambassador Unger in Bangkok, he had said that one of the issues for Washington to look at was the question of

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access to intelligence installations in the field,
particularly comparing the openness of NSA with the more
restrictive attitudes of DIA and CIA. [REDACTED]

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Although I hoped this would settle the confusion between
"access" and "excess," Lowenstein again raised the question
as to whether it could be agreed that he and Moose be
permitted to review Memoranda of Conversation on their
activities in the field in order to insure the accuracy
thereof. I said I would look into this.

He then asked to use my office for a meeting with Sandy
Martin of DOD/ISA to clarify some MASF figures.

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